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1. Every Czech ministry has some Soviet experts and consultants permanently attached to it. These consultants confer regularly with the minister and advise him on all important problems. [REDACTED] these consultants are especially numerous in the Office of State Planning. The Ministry of Chemical Industry has six of these consultants who work with the Minister. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they are particularly interested in organizing the Ministry and its plants and factories along the Soviet pattern. The organization of the Czech economy into ministries in October 1951 was the greatest stride made in following the Soviet pattern. There can be little doubt that the Soviets are influencing the planning of the Ministry of Chemical Industry in such a way as to achieve their goal of building up the heavy machinery industry in Czechoslovakia. [REDACTED] these six consultants approve and pass on all major decisions of the Collegium of the Ministry of Chemical Industry, particularly on matters of planning and organization. Much of their time is also spent in visiting various plants and factories under the Ministry to check on the progress being made in adopting Soviet methods of organization and production.

2. Besides these six permanent consultants attached to the Ministry of Chemical Industry, other experts and consultants keep arriving from the USSR. They remain in Czechoslovakia for various lengths of time. Although they undoubtedly do give able assistance in solving production problems in Czechoslovakia's young chemical industry, most of them are primarily interested in seeing that the plants and factories are organized along Soviet patterns. Practically all these experts and consultants who come to Czechoslovakia for short periods of time remain at some plant or factory during most of their stay. Particular attention is paid to planning and organization, with emphasis on assignment of responsibility at all levels of production.

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3. [redacted] the presence of Soviet experts in the chemical industry is to be considered in a different light from their presence in the textile and heavy machinery industries. In the latter industries Czechoslovakia can have little to learn from the USSR, and the presence of Soviet experts in these industries is an indication of the Soviet control over the Czech economy.

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